

REMARKS

In response to the Office action dated June 30, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of claims 1-26 and 36-47 (designated as Group I). Further, within Group I, the species of claims 6, 8, 10, 12-26, 42-44, 46, and 47 (designated as species IV) is elected.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. The biofuel cell claims of Group II depend on the bioanode claims of Group I and thus have all the limitations of Group I. Also, the claims of Groups I and II have at least one prominent feature in common, and often share a number of features, so that they could be properly combined for searching and examination without undue burden on the Office. In addition, the claims of Groups I and II have been commonly classified in the same class and subclass. Therefore, the restriction requirement between the claims of Groups I and II is traversed.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §821.04, Applicants also request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 27-35, 49-52, 60-62, 114, and 117-130 as they depend from claim 6 and therefore require all the limitations of claim 6.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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